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## National Traceability Framework for fisheries value chains discussed at ICAR-CIFT workshop



Kochi, June 27 (UNI) The necessity to develop a National Traceability Framework for Fisheries Value Chains has been discussed by key stakeholders in a workshop here, Dr. George Ninan, Director of ICAR-CIFT, said.

The workshop focused on developing a comprehensive traceability system for the fisheries sector to ensure seafood safety, quality assurance, legal compliance, and

improved market access, especially in the context of growing international regulations and consumer expectations.

The National Workshop on Traceability for Fisheries Value Chains, organised by the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), in association with the Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch (AFSIB), brought together key stakeholders from various sectors – including government agencies, research institutions, regulatory bodies, and the seafood industry.

Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India, who inaugurated the workshop, emphasised the importance of strengthening the seafood value chain through modern traceability systems.

He stressed that stakeholders across various levels, from primary producers to exporters, must actively participate in enhancing traceability.